

City of Brunswick Fence Zoning Certificate Regulations

ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE BRUNSWICK ZONING ORDINANCE states that “it shall be unlawful to locate or begin the excavation, erection, construction, reconstruction, extension, conversion, or structural alteration of any building or structure...without first obtaining a zoning certificate from the Zoning Administrator or authorized agent...” Therefore, a zoning certificate is required prior to the construction of a fence within the City of Brunswick.

SECTION 5.10: Fences may be constructed on any lot in any zoning district, and may project into the required setback to the lot lines, provided they conform to the requirements of Section 5.9 (if applicable).

- A. In any residential or natural resource district, no fence shall exceed six feet (6') in height, and no fence more than four feet (4') in height may project into the front yard beyond the front facade of the principal building.
- B. In any commercial or industrial district, no fence shall exceed twelve feet (12') in height.

SECTION 5.9: Corner Lots: On any corner lot in any zoning district, no fence, structure or planting shall be erected or maintained greater than three feet (3') above street grade within twenty feet (20') of the intersection of the edges of the road pavement.

POSTS: All fence posts should be located on the side of the fence facing inwards, rather than exposed on the outside of the fence.

APPLICATION: To apply for a fence zoning certificate, please complete the application on the reverse side of this form and submit it to City Hall with a \$10.00 fee and the appropriate accompanying documents.

REQUIRED INFORMATION: Submit a site sketch with your application. Your site sketch may be hand drawn (based on the actual dimensions and measurements of your lot), or, you may submit a copy of your “house location survey” or “plot plan” with the proposed fence line drawn in, in ink. The site sketch must include exact location, size and height of the proposed fence.

Zoning certificates shall automatically expire one year after the date of issuance if construction of the fence has not started. The definition for the “start of construction” is included in Chapter 4 of the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance.

REMINDER, Stake out your property prior to submitting your application for a zoning certificate. Your property will be inspected prior to the issuance of a zoning certificate within three to five working days, except in the case of unforeseen operational and staffing circumstances. It will be mailed to you or you may request to pick it up at City Hall.

QUESTIONS, Please contact the City Administrative Assistant or Planner at (301)834-7500.